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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: WT Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I am writing to express my support for the proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile, which will significantly expand access to advanced high-speed broadband wireless coverage in Nevada. During this period of severe economic challenges in Nevada, we must pursue all available opportunities to spur economic growth and create new jobs. The availability of next-generation wireless technology will allow Nevada to embrace opportunities to fortify its economic future and help increase business activity in all sectors of the state.

Many residents and businesses in rural Nevada communities do not have access to the same level of fast wireless broadband coverage that is available in Nevada's two largest cities, Reno and Las Vegas. The proposed merger will not only enhance coverage in Nevada's larger cities, but also provide high-speed wireless broadband service to rural Nevadans for the first time. This expansion in coverage will enhance connectivity and economic development in areas of Nevada that need it most.

Increased wireless broadband service will provide numerous economic and educational opportunities to Nevada's citizens: expanded service will allow K-12 students in rural areas to wirelessly connect to classrooms in larger communities; small business owners will be able to better track inventory and place merchandise orders from any location; college students will enjoy access to robust wireless applications that are revolutionizing higher education; and access to this wireless technology will enable Nevada's farmers to track herd movements or crop performance over vast acreage, perched on a combine. The possibilities are endless.

With the expanded wireless broadband capacity that will result from the AT&T/T-Mobile merger, many Nevada constituencies will benefit and become better positioned to help move our state forward in continued economic recovery. With these matters in mind, I urge your support of this merger and the opportunity it will bring to the people of Nevada.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. Sandoval", is written over the printed name.

BRIAN SANDOVAL
Governor

cc: Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Robert McDowell
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker